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Security and Residence Controls

1. [] the only document needed by a resident of Ch'ungwu (N 24-54, E 118-56), Fukien, was a voter's certificate; however, since the document was infrequently checked, it was not necessary for a person to carry it at all times.
2. If a fisherman wished to go from Ch'ungwu to Amoy, he was required to get a statement to that effect, signed and chopped by the district official. This document then permitted the fisherman to pass the check point in the Amoy area.¹ No permission was required for travel from Amoy to Ch'ungwu. There were no restrictions on land travel from Ch'ungwu to Fuchou or Chinchiang.² 25X1
3. In the Ch'ungwu area there was a detention compound containing mostly political prisoners. The prisoners were made to do hard labor and were given food but not clothing.
4. Persons in Ch'ungwu were permitted to use oil lamps or candles after dark but were not permitted to use electric lights.

General Medical Information

5. Ch'ungwu was an extremely dirty city, but there appeared to be no diseases prevalent in September. Inside the south gate of the city there was a hospital which was under the supervision of the hsien government. This hospital was small and had no beds. A registration fee of JMP 500 was charged each individual seeking treatment, plus a slight additional fee for pills and injections; the doctor's services were free. The hospital was staffed by "foreign doctors."³ Private medical practice was forbidden in Ch'ungwu.

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junk traveling from Hsienching (approximately N 24-36, E 118-25) to Amoy had to obtain a travel permit and undergo a boat check by the militia. When the vessel reached Amoy, the permit was checked by the Amoy Maritime Security Bureau.

2. Presumably Fuchou (N 26-05, E 119-19) and Chinchiang (N 24-54, E 118-34) are meant.

3. Comment. "Foreign doctors" is the Chinese term for those doctors practicing modern medicine as distinct from "Chinese doctors," meaning those practicing traditional Chinese medicine.

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